

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-48 are pending in the application. The Examiner has allowed claims 1-30 and 43-48. The Examiner has rejected claims 31-42. Applicant has canceled claims 31-42. Thus, Applicant submits all pending claims have been allowed.

The Examiner has rejected claims 31-38, 41, and 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Cochran, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,240,106). Applicant has canceled claims 31-38, 41, and 42.

The Examiner has rejected claims 39 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Cochran, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,240,106) in view of Aoyagi et al. (U.S. Publication 2002/0032761). Applicant has canceled claims 39 and 40.

As Applicant submits Applicant has canceled all rejected claims, Applicant submits all pending claims have been allowed.

In conclusion, Applicant has overcome all of the Office's rejections, and early notice of allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited. If, for any reason, the Office is unable to allow the Application on the next Office Action, and believes a telephone interview would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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